GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – MA&UD Department – Certain lapses noticed in the work "Widening Road from Prakasam street palace to petrol bunk by the side of Rajiv Stadium and construction of RCC slab culverts at Vizianagaram" - Departmental action initiated against Sri M.Appanna, the then Chief Engineer (FAC) (now retired), VMRDA and three (3) other officials of VUDA., Visakhapatnam - Inquiry conducted - Charges held ' proved' –Imposing a penalty of "Withholding of 2.5% pension for a period 2 years" against M.Appanna, the then Chief Engineer (FAC) (now retired), VUDA., (now VMRDA) - Imposed- Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 752 **Dated: 01-10-2024**

Read the following:

1. From the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.50 (1186-2 VUDA/V&E/E/2016), dated.12.06.2017.
2. Govt. Letter No.682860/Vig.I/2017, dated.22.09.2017 and further reminders.
3. From the Metropolitan Commissioner, VMRDA., Visakhapatnam, Letter Rc.No.14025 (32)/1/2021/A1, dated.23.02.2022.
4. G.O.Ms.No.98, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated:20.07.2022.
5. G.O.Rt.No. 501, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated:20.07.2022.
6. Written statement of defences of Sri M.Appanna, S.E. (now retired),.,dt:nil
7. G.O.Rt.No.679, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated:20.07.2022.
8. G.O.Rt.No.691, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated:20.07.2022.
9. Inquiry Report from the Inquiry Officer sri. M.Venkateswara Rao, Lr.No.CE-QC/APTIDCO/Eng/Visakhapatnam/2022 dt:02.08 2023.
10. Govt.Memo.No.682860/Vig.I/2020 dated:07.11.2023.
11. From the Metropolitan Commissioner, VMRDA., Visakhapatnam, Letter Rc.No.14025 (33)/1/2021/A1(1519623), dated.06.03.2024.
12. Govt.Memo.No.682860/Vig.I/2020 dated:12.08.2024.
13. Written representation received from Sri.M.Appanna, the then EE (Rtd) dt:9-9-2024

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ORDER:

Whereas in the reference 1st read above, the G.A. (V&E) Department submitted a report and recommended to initiate disciplinary action against Sri M.Appanna, the then Chief Engineer (FAC) (now retired), VMRDA, Visakhapatnam and three (3) other officials of VUDA., Visakhapatnam on certain lapses noticed in the work "Widening Road from Prakasam street palace to petrol bunk by the side of Rajiv Stadium and construction of RCC slab culverts at Vizianagaram". The Government in the reference 4th and 5th read above, initiated departmental action by issuing article of charges against Sri M.Appanna, the then Chief Engineer (FAC) (now retired), VUDA., (now VMRDA) under Rule-20 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 read with Rule-9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 and directed to submit his written statement of defence thereon.

2. In the reference 6th read above, M.Appanna, the then Chief Engineer (FAC) (retired), VUDA., (now VMRDA) has submitted his written statement of defence. Among others, he has stated that, the V&E officials have verified the

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non-check measured items of work and found fairly tallied with M-Book and there is no financial loss to VMRDA and no irregularities was committed and finally requested to drop the charges framed against him.

3. Government, after following due procedure, in the reference 7th read above, appointed Sri M.Venkateswara Rao, Chief Engineer, APTIDCO., Visakhapatnam, as an Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against the said C.Os. In the reference 8th read above, Sri K.Raja Rao, Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Visakhapatnam was appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry authority on behalf of the disciplinary authority.

4. In the reference 9th read above, Sri M.Venkateswara Rao, Chief Engineer, & Inquiry Officer has submitted Inquiry report, concluding that out of (2) charges one (1) the charge framed against Sri M.Appanna, the then Chief Engineer (FAC) (now retired), VUDA., (now VMRDA) was held ' proved' in the Inquiry.

5. Government have examined the Inquiry report and communicated a copy of Inquiry report to Sri M.Appanna, the then Chief Engineer (FAC) (now retired), VUDA., (now VMRDA), under Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules 1991 and directed to submit his written representation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry officer, vide reference 10th read above. In the reference 11th read above, the Metropolitan Commissioner, VMRDA., Visakhapatnam has forwarded the served copy of Sri M.Appanna, the then Chief Engineer (FAC) (now retired), VUDA., (now VMRDA).

6. Government after careful examination of the matter; keeping in view of the inquiry report, gravity of charges and after following due procedure, issued a show-cause notice as to why a punishment of "withholding of 2.5% pension for a period 2 years" against Sri M.Appanna, the then Chief Engineer (FAC) (now retired), VUDA., (now VMRDA), Visakhapatnam, be imposed, as per the Rule 9 of the APRP Rules, 1980, since he had not check measured adequately and also not measured the works frequently, vide reference 12th read above.

7. In the reference 13th read above, Sri M.Appanna, the then Chief Engineer (FAC) (now retired), VUDA., (now VMRDA), Visakhapatnam has submitted his written explanation and among others, he has requested to drop further action against him.

8. Government after careful examination of the matter, it has been decided to confirm the punishment of "withholding of 2.5% pension for a period of (2) years" on Sri M.Appanna, the then Chief Engineer (FAC) (now retired), VUDA., (now VMRDA), Visakhapatnam, , since the written representation is nothing but reiteration before the inquiring authority and no new grounds put-forth by him for consideration

9. Accordingly, the Government hereby order to impose a punishment of withholding of 2.5% pension for a period of (2) years" on Sri M.Appanna, the then Chief Engineer (FAC) (now retired), VUDA., (now VMRDA), Visakhapatnam, under Rule 9 of the APRP Rules, 1980.

10. The Metropolitan Commissioner, VMRDA., Visakhapatnam shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

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11. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ANIL KUMAR SINGHAL
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Sri M.Appanna, the then Chief Engineer (FAC) (now retired), VUDA., (now VMRDA), - **through** the Metropolitan Commissioner, VMRDA., Visakhapatnam.
The Metropolitan Commissioner, VMRDA., Visakhapatnam.
The Engineer-In-Chief (PH), A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:

The Commissioner, GVMC., Visakhapatnam.
The G.A. (V&E) Department.
The PS to Spl.C.S., to Govt., MA&UD Dept.,
SF / SC. (E.No.257788)

// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER.